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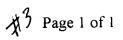
Dear Applicant:

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Re:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/782,732

Title: Sample Processing Device and Method

Applicant: Shuqi Chen Filed: February 13, 2001 Our Ref No.: IQA-005.01

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I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- 1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (in duplicate);
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- 3. check in the amount of \$65.00;
- 4. an executed Combined Declaration for Patent Application; and
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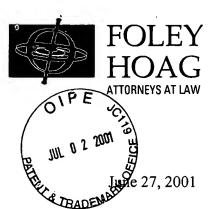
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